

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :  
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-v- : 21-CR-717 (JMF)  
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ANTHONY ORTIZ, et al, : ORDER  
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Defendants. :  
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JESSE M. FURMAN, United States District Judge:

There is a proceeding in this matter scheduled for **March 31, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. Unless and until the Court orders otherwise, the proceeding will be held in person in Courtroom 1105 of the Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, 40 Centre Street, New York, New York.** Counsel should be prepared to set a trial date at the conference and, to that end, should confer about it in advance (mindful that, COVID-19 issues aside, any trial date would be a firm date).

If any counsel believes that the proceeding should be adjourned or held remotely (or that the Defendant(s) should be permitted to appear remotely or not appear at all), counsel should confer with one another and, no later than **two business days from today**, submit a letter motion to that effect. Any such motion shall also include the following information:

- (1) Confirmation that the Defendant(s) consent(s) to appear remotely (or to waive his/her appearance altogether, as the case may be);
- (2) A brief statement of whether the Constitution, the Federal Rules, and the CARES Act permit the proceeding to be conducted remotely (or in the absence of the Defendant(s)), **including, if the proceeding is a felony guilty plea or a sentencing, why the proceeding “cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice,” CARES Act, § 15002(b)(2), Pub. L. No. 116-136, Mar. 27, 2020, 134 Stat 281;**
- (3) If the Defendant is detained, the facility in which the Defendant is held and his or her USMS No. (Counsel is advised that some facilities may require that any inmate appearing in court be quarantined for 14 days upon returning from their appearance.)

- (4) If the Defendant is not detained, whether the Defendant would be capable of participating in a remote proceeding, either or both by video or telephone.
- (5) Dates and times during the week of the currently scheduled proceeding that all counsel would be available for a proceeding in case it needs to be rescheduled.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 14, 2022  
New York, New York



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JESSE M. FURMAN  
United States District Judge